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SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK - REQUEST FOR TACTICAL AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE

REF: A. STATE 128840 B) KINSHASA 5121

1. GENERAL BABIA HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED THAT THE USE OF A C-141 FOR THE NEXT TWO TO FOUR WEEKS TO ASSIST IN THE MOVEMENT OF MATERIEL FROM KINSHASA TO KAMINA BASE. THE FAZA C-130 FLEET WILL BE UNABLE TO CONTINUE MUCH LONGER AT THE PACE OF THE LAST WEEK (FOUR OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT FLYING 10 HOURS EACH DAILY). TWO AIRCRAFT ARE NOW GROUNDED AWAITING GTC'S DUE IN ON 25 MAY. ADDITIONALLY, FAZA C-130'S ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED TO SUPPORT OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND TO AIRLIFT DESPERATELY NEEDED FOOD FROM THE KIVU AND KISANGANI REGIONS TO SHABA.

2. SPECIFIC MATERIAL TO BE AIRLIFTED INCLUDES RATIONS, AMMUNITION, AND WATER FOR THE ZAIRIAN ARMY AND THE FRENCH FORCES. INITIAL REQUIREMENTS ARE ESTIMATED AT TWO C-141 SORTIES PER DAY BETWEEN KINSHASA AND KAMINA. EXACT REQUIREMENTS ARE DIFFICULT TO PROJECT AT THIS TIME.

3. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 3 OF REF MESSAGE, FRENCH LIAISON
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OFFICER AT FAZ GHQ INFORMS US THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO REPEAT TWO TRANSALLS IN COUNTRY IN SUPPORT OF FRENCH OPERATIONS. JOINT FRENCH/GOZ (BABIA) PROPOSAL HERE IS THAT USG WOULD PROVIDE "WHOLESALE" DISTRIBUTION TO KAMINA WHILE FAZA C130 FLEET AND TWO FRENCH TRANSALLS WOULD PROVIDE "RETAIL" DISTRIBUTION FROM KAMINA TO KOLWEZI. FRENCH MILITARY REP AT GOZ MILITARY HEADQUARTERS TELLS US THAT 2 TRANSALL AIRCRAFT AND

THEIR 3 CREWS ARE ALREADY OVER-BURDENED BY MISSIONS LIFTING PERSONNEL, FOOD, WATER, AND OTHER SUPPORT.

4. FRENCH AND ZAIRIAN MILITARY REPS INFORMED CHIEF ZAMISH THAT THEIR JOINT LOGISTICAL PLAN NOW CALLS FOR ADVANCED LOGISTICAL BASE AT KAMINA TO BE SUPPLIED FROM KINSHASA.

5. THUS WE NOW HAVE 2 REQUESTS:

A) FOR ASSISTANCE IN MOVING 800 DRUM OF FUEL FROM KINSHASA TO KAMINA (REF A) AND,

B) FOR USE OF ONE C-141 FOR TWO TO FOUR WEEKS.

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